

## **Public Notice**

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

In Reply to Application Number CENAB-OP-RPA ( PA DOT - S.R. 0879, SECTION A02 - BRIDGE REPLACEMENT OVER THE WEST BRANCH OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER)06-02601-P12

**Baltimore District** PN08-16

Comment Period: March 24, 2008 to April 7, 2008

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PUBLIC NOTICE IS TO SOLICIT COMMENTS FORM THE PUBLIC REGARDING THE WORK DESCRIBED BELOW. NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT A PERMIT WILL BE ISSUED AT THIS TIME.

This District has received an application for a Department of the Army permit pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33. U.S.C. 1344) as described below:

APPLICANT: Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, Engineering District 2-0 1924 Daisy Street Extension Clearfield, Pennsylvania 16830

LOCATION: S.R. 0879, Section A02, Bridge over the West Branch of the Susquehanna River, in Lawrence Township, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania.

WORK: To discharge dredged or fill material into Waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands, associated with the replacement of the S.R. 0879 three-span steel thru-girder bridge, including minor approach roadway improvements. The replacement structure will be a three-span composite pre-stressed concrete PA bulb-tee multi-beam bridge with a total length of 367 feet. Traffic flow will not be impeded, as a temporary bridge will be installed immediately upstream of the existing structure to carry traffic over the river during construction. The project will result in the permanent lose of 0.043 acre of jurisdictional wetlands and will temporarily impact 1.10 acres of wetlands. In addition, the project will result in 100 linear feet (0.08 acre) of permanent river impacts and 245 linear feet (0.49 acre) of temporary impacts. The applicants stated purpose is to replace the existing bridge structure, which is significantly

deteriorated, and to improve safety by widening the structure and constructing sidewalks to accommodate pedestrians.

All work will be completed in accordance with the enclosed plan(s). If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Michael Dombroskie at (814)235-0571.

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts, including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit, which reasonable may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered, including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economic, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production, and in general, the

needs and welfare of the people.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. Written comments concerning the work described above related to the factors listed above or other pertinent factors must be received by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, State College Field Office, 1631 South Atherton Street, State College, Pennsylvania 16801, with the comment period specified above.

The applicant is required to obtain a water quality certification in accordance with Section 404 of the Clean Water Act from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection through the issuance of a Section 105 permit or through direct application to the Regional Office in the area of the proposed project. The Section 404 certifying agency has a statutory limit of one year in which to make its decision.

The applicant must obtain any State or local government permits which may be required.

A preliminary review of this application indicates that the proposed work will not affect Federal listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat, pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended. As the evaluation of this application continues, additional information may become available which could modify this preliminary determination.

Review of the latest published version of the National Register of Historic Places indicates that no registered properties listed as eligible for inclusion, therein, are located at the site of the proposed work. Currently unknown archeological, scientific, prehistoric, or historical data may be lost or destroyed by the work to be accomplished under the request permit.

The evaluation of the impact of this project on the public interest will include applications of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, under authority of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act. Any person who has an interest which may be adversely affected by the issuance of this permit may request a public hearing. The request, which must be in writing, must be received by the District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Baltimore District, State College Field Office, 1631 South Atherton Street, State College, Pennsylvania 16801, within the comment period as specified above to receive consideration. Also it must clearly set forth the interest which may be adversely affected by this activity and the manner in which the interest may be adversely affected.

It is requested that you communicate this information concerning the proposed work to any persons know by you to be interested and not being known to this office, who did not receive a copy of this notice.

## FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER

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Enclosure

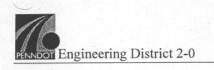


Table 1. Regulated Activities of S.R. 0879, Section A02 Bridge Replacement Project

Regulated Activity No.	Description	Impact Type	Latitude	Longitude	Linear Feet	Acreage
1 (Fig. 1)	Wetland 1 Impact from Temporary Roadway	Temporary	40.9959° N	78.4623° W	NA	0.58
2 (Fig. 1)	Wetland 1 Impact from Sediment Trap 1	Temporary	40.9964° N	78.4619° W	NA	0.20
3 (Fig. 1)	Wetland 1 Impact from E&S Drainage / Pipe	Temporary	40.9959° N	78.4622° W	NA	0.02
4 (Fig. 1)	Wetland 1 Impact from Temporary Construction Activities	Temporary	40.9959° N	78.4624° W	NA	0.30
5 (Fig. 1)	Wetland 1 Impact from New Roadway Fill	Permanent	40.9961° N	78.4623° W	NA	0.04
6 (Fig. 1)	Wetland 2 Impact from Rock Outfall Protection	Permanent	40.9968° N	78.4620° W	NA	0.003
7 (Fig. 2)	River Impact from Causeways	Temporary	40.9951° N 40.9951° N	78.4620° W 78.4641° W	205	0.33
8 (Fig. 2)	River Impact from Coffer Dams	Temporary	40.9950° N 40.9952° N	78.4641° W 78.4639° W	Within	0.04
9 (Fig. 2)	River Impact (aerial) from Temporary Bridge	Temporary	40.9948° N	78.4640° W	40	0.12
10 (Fig. 2)	River Impact from Piers (area additional of existing piers)	Permanent	40.9950° N 40.9952° N	78.4641° W 78.4639° W	80	0.01
11 (Fig. 3)	Floodway Impact from Temporary Construction Activities	Temporary	40.9952° N 40.9949° N	78.4633° W 78.4643° W	NA	0.86

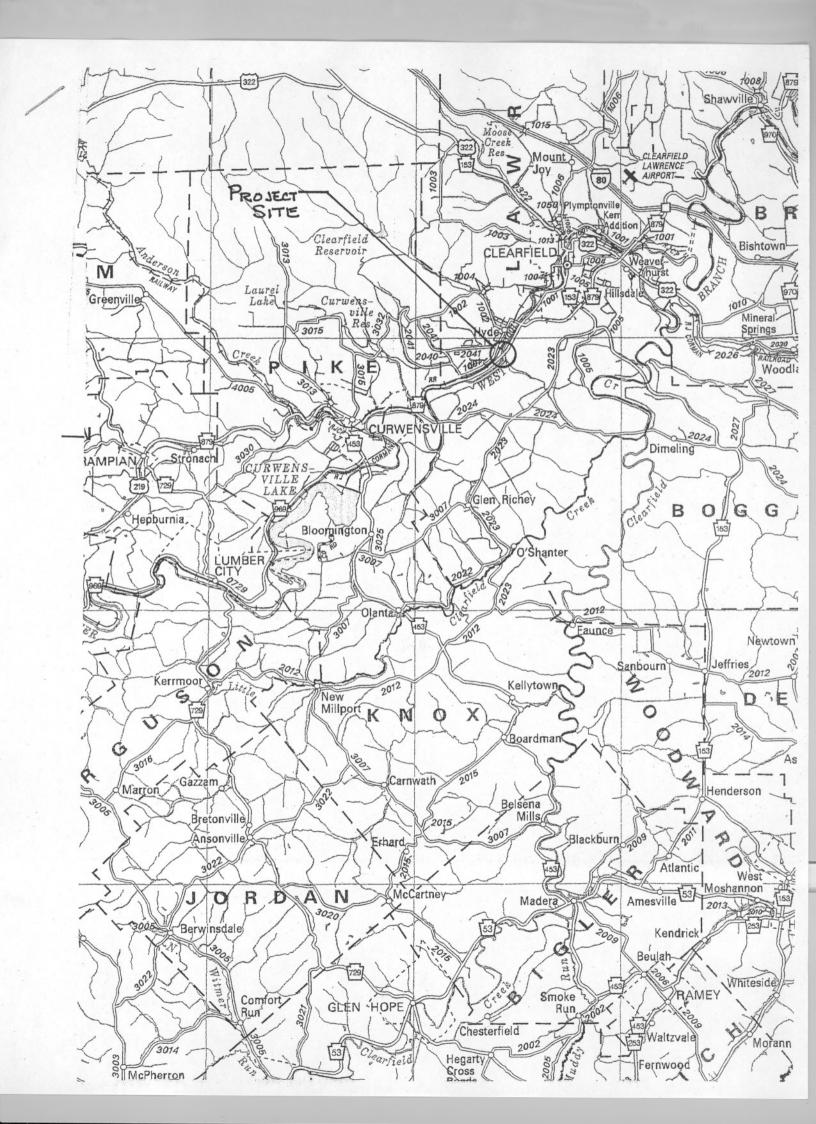
Temporary Wetland Impacts = 1.10 acres

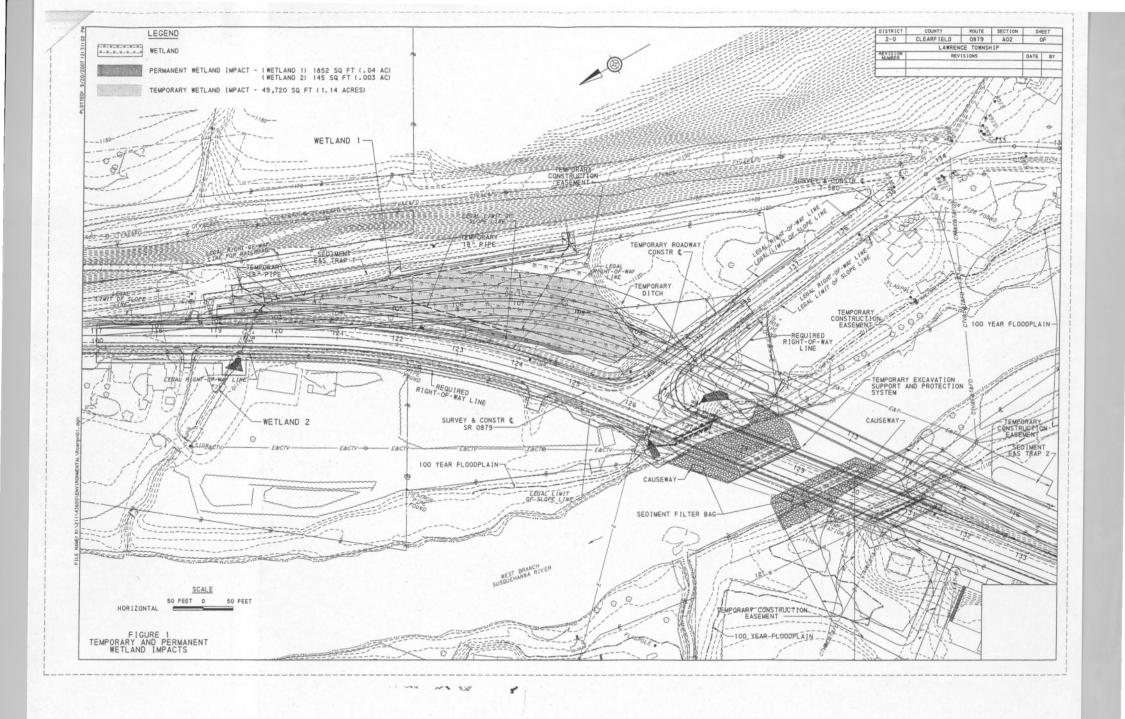
Temporary River Impacts = 245 lf, 0.49 acre

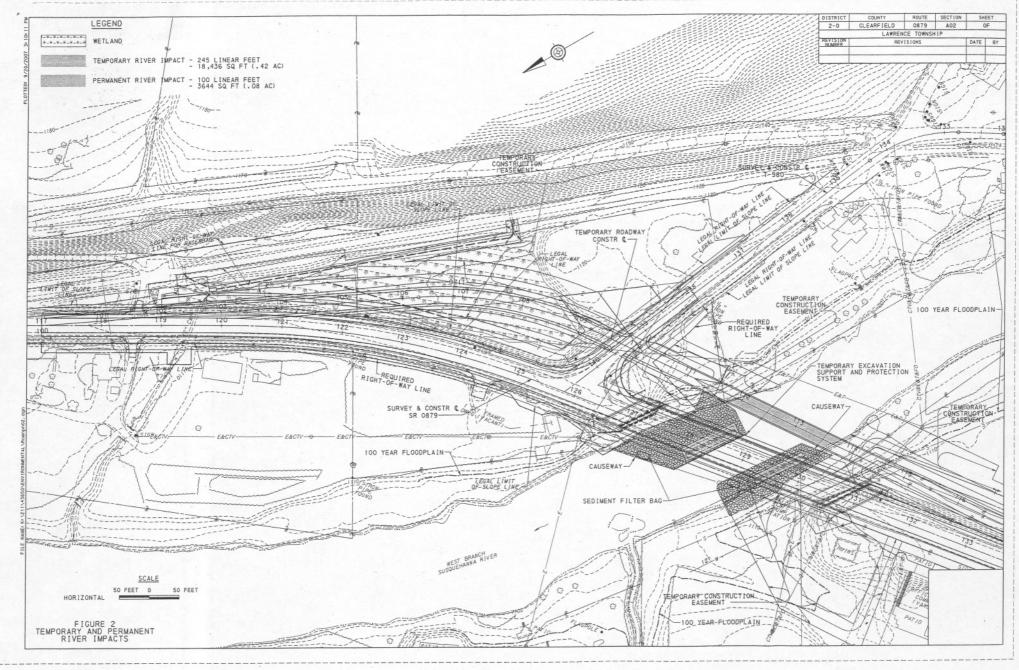
Temporary Floodway Impacts = 0.86 acre

Permanent Wetland Impacts = 0.043 acre

Permanent River Impacts = 100 lf, 0.08 acre







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